

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Arkansas, is hereby amended to include Public Assistance Categories C through G in the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of January 23, 1999:

Independence, Pulaski, Saline, and White Counties for Categories C through G under the Public Assistance program (already designated for Individual Assistance and Categories A and B under the Public Assistance program).

Clay and Greene Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

Jackson, Monroe, and Randolph Counties for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1262-DR]

Tennessee; Amendment No. 4 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Tennessee (FEMA-1262-DR), dated January 19, 1999, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective February 1, 1999.

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Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Project Impact: Building Disaster Resistant Communities

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of funds and grant availability.

SUMMARY: FEMA gives notice of the availability of \$25 million of appropriated grant funds to pre-determined Project Impact communities (see list in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) and States with Project Impact communities.

DATES: Grant funds are available as of February 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Approved communities have received grant application packages. States with approved Project Impact communities that have not already received grant application materials should contact their FEMA regional office.

FOR POINT OF CONTACT INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Public Law 105-276, 112 Stat. 2461, Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriation Act, 1999, we are issuing today a Request for Application (RFA) to implement a \$25 million grant program that is limited to Project Impact communities and to States with Project Impact communities.

Community grants. The community grant is available to designated Project Impact communities to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive, long-term mitigation strategy through collaboration with private sector and non-profit organizations, and with local, State and

Federal government partners. Within this framework, the community grant is to fund prevention projects that result in long-term reductions in property damage as well as contribute to the sustainability of the partnership.

State grants. The State grant is available to States with a Project Impact community through the FEMA Performance Partnership Agreement/ Cooperative Agreement process for activities that directly support Project Impact communities.

Who is eligible for grants? The community that a State has designated, with FEMA concurrence, as a Project Impact community is eligible for a community grant. Each State with a Project Impact community is eligible for a state grant.

What are mitigation measures? Mitigation measures generally are those projects and actions that reduce the potential losses to life and property from natural hazard events in a permanent or long-term manner. Communities will categorize mitigation projects as: (1) Mitigation for existing structures; (2) Mitigation of existing infrastructure, utility facilities, and transportation systems that are publicly owned and operated on a non-profit basis; (3) Adoption of policies or practices for mitigation in existing structures, development or redevelopment; (4) Activities that lead to building or sustaining public/private partnerships, or that support public awareness of mitigation; (5) Hazard identification and risk assessment; (6) Mitigation of new construction; and (7) Personnel support.

What is the process for applying? For designated community assistance, communities must submit a grant application package to FEMA. FEMA regions will work with the communities to complete this application package. The community must submit the application to the FEMA Regional Director on or before March 15, 1999.

For State funding assistance, the State with a Project Impact community must submit a letter or memorandum to the Regional Director indicating its desire for funds to support the Project Impact community by convening an inclusive forum of State agencies for the purpose of developing an implementation strategy and commitment documents. This document will delineate comprehensive integration of mitigation in State agencies' daily operations. Additionally, the State should agree to coordinate and communicate with FEMA regions on Project Impact activities, meetings, etc.

What criteria will FEMA apply to grant applications? For a designated